

Clinical Practice Advisories: January 2009- December 2009

Board Advisory Date:

January 15, 2009

Sclerotherapy

Question:

Is it appropriate for RN to perform sclerotherapy?

The Board reaffirmed its previous response in February 2005 that sclerotherapy is within RN scope of practice with the following considerations:

1. The supervising physician/ARNP performs and documents an initial assessment prior to treatment and as needed during the course of therapy.
2. The physician/ARNP is on-site, immediately available and able to respond promptly to any questions or problems that may occur while the procedure is being performed.
3. The RN has satisfactorily completed a documented education and training program which includes supervised practice and clinical skills competency as required under administrative rules.
4. The facility has applicable policies and procedures and written orders for dealing with allergic reactions.
5. Continuing education for the procedure is ongoing and documented.
6. The practice of sclerotherapy is limited to telangiectasis ("spider veins").

Scope March 19, 2009
Women's Health

ARNP can see urologic problems it within the ARNP Woman's Health scope of practice to provide primary and urologic health care services to patients throughout the life span under the direction of the patient's urologist?

Board Response: The Board opined with recommendation from the Liaison Committee that providing urologic health care services outside of Woman's Health parameters for care is not within the scope of practice of the Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner. The Woman's Health s in women from

<p>March 19, 2009</p> <p>Neonatal Intubation</p>	<p>menarche through the life span. It is not within this ARNP scope to care for men or children..</p> <p>Can the RN intubate a neonate in the absence of the provider if the RN has NRP certification?</p> <p>Board Response: The Board opined with recommendation from the Practice and Education Committee that providing neonate intubation in the absence of the provider is not within the RN scope of practice.</p>
<p>May 21, 2009</p> <p>Therapeutic Phlebotomy</p> <p>May 21, 2009</p> <p>Implanted ports (access)</p>	<p>Question:</p> <p>Is it within RN scope of practice to draw a therapeutic phlebotomy from venous access device for treatment of hemochromatosis?</p> <p>The Board opined, with recommendation from the Practice and Education Committee, that this is not within the RN scope of practice.</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>Is it within LPN scope of practice to access and de-access an implanted port?</p> <p>The Board opined, with recommendation from the Practice and Education Committee ,that this is within the LPN scope of practice provided the nurse has appropriate competencies and facility policies which support the practice.</p>

June 18, 2009	Question: Is it within the scope of practice of the RN to delegate medically compromised, incompetent persons' tracheostomy care to non-licensed persons in the community setting?
Tracheostomy Care (Delegation)	The Board opined, with recommendation from the Practice and Education Committee, that the supervision of tracheostomy care performed by unlicensed persons is within the licensed nurse scope of practice.
June 18, 2009	Question:
External Jugular vein (as IV access)	Is it within the RN scope of practice to start an IV in the external jugular vein with appropriate training?
	The Board reaffirmed its Winter 1996 opinion that this is not within the RN scope of practice and is within the ARNP scope.
June 18, 2009	Question:
Colonoscopy	Is it within ARNP scope of practice to perform colonoscopies in the presence of a written standardized procedure?
	The Board opined that performing colonoscopies is not within the ARNP scope of practice.
August 20, 2009	
APRN as RNFA	Question: I am a nationally certified FNP (APRN in NH). What further qualifications do I need to work as RNFA?
	An APRN must take the same NIFA coursework and meet the requirements of the Board, as noted on the Board web site, to practice as RNFA. The NIFA prerequisites are somewhat different for nationally certified APRNs than RNs. (Check NIFA website.) RNFA practice is under the RN license and would not count as practice hours for renewal of advanced practice license.
August 20, 2009	Question: May a nurse administer domperidone for gastroparesis which is not approved for this use by FDA?
Administration of non FDA approved drugs	A nurse may be jeopardizing his/her license by violation of

October 15, 2009	the nurse practice act in dispensing a non FDA approved drug. It was suggested to get opinion from the Boards of Pharmacy and Medicine on this subject.
Psychiatric APRN treatment of child/adolescent	<p>Question: Can an adult certified psychiatric APRN treat clients who are 17 years old with access to supervision from adult and child psychiatrist?</p> <p>The Board opined that treating children/adolescents including 17 year old clients would not be within the scope of practice of adult certified psychiatric APRN.</p>
November 19, 2009 Distal tip placement determination of PICC via radiography	<p>Question: Is it within the RN scope of practice to determine distal tip placement of PICC by radiograph?</p> <p>The board upheld its previous opinion of August 18, 2005 and March 15, 2007 that it is not within the RN scope to determine distal tip placement determination of PICC via radiography.</p>
November 19, 2009 Wart removal via cryotherapy	<p>Question: Is it within the scope of practice to perform cryotherapy with liquid nitrogen in treatment of warts?</p> <p>The committee opined that cryotherapy is not within RN scope of practice.</p>
November 19, 2009 Medical screening evaluations in the ED by RNs.	<p>Question: Is it within the scope of RN practice to perform emergency medical screenings within the ED, relative to EMTALA regulations?</p> <p>The Board opined that as part of medical screening evaluations (MSE), RNs can perform nursing assessments when functioning within their scope of practice and when following CMS guidelines for MSE, Furthermore this practice must be supported by facility policy.</p>

October 15, 2009 revisited November 19, 2009	<p>Question: Can an adult certified psychiatric nurse practitioner with treat clients who are 17 years old with access to supervision from adult and child psychiatrist?</p> <p>APRN's must treat those clients within their scope of practice which includes; educational preparation, national certification and competencies.</p>
December 17, 2009 Bravo capsule insertion.	<p>Question: Given the long track record of Bravo Ph capsules being safely placed directly by an RN under direct supervision of a physician (>6years and 3500 capsules) is now the time to change the rule to allow a properly trained RN to place the Bravo Capsules without direct physician supervision?</p> <p>It is within the RN scope of practice to assist the provider as the provider places the Bravo capsule.</p>
December 17, 2009 LNA scope of practice with regard to spiking and priming IV fluids with potassium.	<p>Question: Is it within the scope of practice of a licensed nursing assistant to prime IV tubing with fluids that contain potassium chloride (i.e. D5 ½ NS with 20 mEq KCL)?</p> <p>The Board opined that it is not within the scope of practice for an LNA to spike/prime any IV's or perform any other sterile procedures.</p>
December 17, 2009 Cerumen removal from ears using instrumentation.	<p>Question: Is it within the scope of practice for an RN to extract cerumem from ears using instruments such as, ear speculums, ear loops, small alligator forceps, and possibly suction?</p> <p>The board opined it is not within the RN scope to remove ear wax via instrumentation.</p>
December 17, 2009 Prescriptive authority of APRN to order and prescribe dermal fills and botulinum toxin typeA.	<p>Question: 1. May APRN's prescribe and thus purchase (a) dermal fillers (e.g.) Restylane, Perlane, Juvederm, etc.) and (b) botulinum toxin type A (e.g., Botox, Reloxin)?</p> <p>2. If these products may be prescribed, may they be prescribed autonomously (i.e., under the APRN's own prescriptive authority without a collaborative or supervisory agreement)?</p> <p>3. If these products may be prescribed, are there any limitations on the APRN's authority to prescribe them other than appropriate scope of practice (e.g., specific practice</p>

	<p>settings, indications for use, etc)?</p> <p>The board opined that it is within the prescriptive authority as long as the APRN has the national certification, education and competencies to support this practice.</p>
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